

Comment re: RM-10620

I was issued Class C license, W7EGM, in 1934 and in the years before WW2 I advanced to Class B and then Class A. This represented the highest class of amateur license and was obtained by an extensive code and essay type theory test.

When the licensing system was changed, holders of Class A licenses were "grandfathered" into Advance Class. This was a step down from the top Class A status that we had worked hard for and held prior to the change of licensing procedure.

There are many former Class A amateurs still active on the amateur bands and they, with their many years of experience, are very fine operators. Some have been able to undertake the task of obtaining the Extra Class license but for many the handicaps of age and circumstances have made it a difficult or impossible task. The terms of this petition would correct the unfair loss of earned privilege that occurred with the downgrading from Class A to Advanced operating class.

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